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do you believe in free enterprize as long as we license and regulate at the present time? Do you really believe in free enterprize?

SENATOR DE CAMP: I am a firm believer in the free enterprize system. In fact I would like to see even if the liquor business if that were the case returned I repeat returned to the free enterprize system. As you know now, it is not. In fact the supreme court system from a number of states indicate that the liquor industry is the most regulated of all industries and subject to regulations provisions and controls by the state under the police power. Examples a lot of states in fact have the state sell liquor, run liquor stores. I think that Iowa is an example of that. Yes, I am in favor of the free enterprize system and would love to see the entire liquor business, I suppose return to the free enterprize system, which is not now a member of.

SENATOR KOCH: I'm not finished yet Senator DeCamp. You used quite a bit of my time in that answer. When we get down to the business of fixing prices and that is what we are really doing here, were not allowing the market to control. Now, you made a statement a moment ago that these cheap prices encourage people to consume alcoholic beverages. Now what facts do you have to substantiate what I think is an exaggerated statement. People will seek that beverage and they are going to pay the price regardless of what what you advertise it for. I think that the boot leg days is a good example of it

SENATOR DE CAMP: Of course I used the word theoretically and I'm going on the theoretical basis of arguments that have been forth before by a number of people including people on both sides of the question. I use the word theoretically because I don't think that it is one of those things that lends itself to documented proof. You can make your judgments one way or another. I repeat theoretically it is supposed to do this.

SENATOR KOCH: Theoretically it has some medicinal purposes too doesn't it. So we could argue that. But, I just can't believe that you would want to come in here and use that one industry, simply because there may be severe competition to accomplish it by saying that one is going to have to mark up 15% on that item. I oppose this and I would hope that the members of this body would also oppose it.

CLERK: Motion on the desk Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Read Kelly motion.

PRESIDENT: Seantor Kelly.